

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/816,904

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's divisional application dated 4/5/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8 (re-numbered 1-8).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 4/5/04 & 1/10/05 & 3/30/05.

### DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to Applicant's Divisional Application, Serial No. 10/816,909, with a File date of April 5, 2004.

The application is found to be in a condition for allowance as indicated hereinbelow.

#### *Allowable Subject Matter*

2. Claims 1-8 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Relative to claims 1 and 4, the major difference between the teachings of the referenced prior art (USP 4,654,719, Tomita and USP 4,377,742, Kawabata et al.) and that of the instant invention is that said referenced prior art **does not teach** a image display apparatus that includes a video display that displays an optical image based on an input signal, and a video signal adjusting device that adjusts a display setting of said video display based on a signal mode of said input signal said image display apparatus comprising: a determining device that causes said video display adjusting device to adjust the display setting of said video display when said input signal changes, said display setting of said video display including tracking information for the horizontal synchronization adjustment of said video display, said determining device including: a signal change detector unit that detects the change in said input signal; a signal mode memory device that stores a signal mode information used by said video display prior to change in said input signal, said signal mode information including said tracking information; a comparator unit that retrieves said tracking information of said input signal subsequent to the change in said

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input signal, and compares said tracking information with tracking information of the display setting data stored in said signal mode memory device; and a pre-change signal detector unit that determines a presence or absence of an input signal prior to the change in said input signal, wherein when said pre-change signal detector unit determines an absence of an input signal prior to the signal change, said determining device determines whether to cause said video display adjusting device to adjust the display setting, based on a comparison result provided by said comparator unit.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U. S. Patent No.	4,654,710	Tomita
U. S. Patent No.	4,377,742	Kawabata et al.


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***To Respond***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vincent E. Kovalick whose telephone number is 571-272-7669. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30- 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on 571-272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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